

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### **Listing of Claims:**

1           **Claim 1 (currently amended):** A hearing device  
2   comprising:  
3           ~~with~~ at least one acoustical to electrical converter,  
4           at least one electrical to mechanical converter,  
5           at least one signal processing unit, ~~and with~~  
6           an electrical power supply unit, wherein  
7           said electrical power supply unit and said electrical to  
8           mechanical converter are incorporated within a first  
9           module, and further wherein  
10          said acoustical to electrical converter and said signal  
11          processing unit are incorporated in a second module,  
12          and wherein  
13          said first and said second modules are adapted to be  
14          assembled in a ~~disassemblable~~ manner that allows for  
15          disassembly, such that each one of said modules are  
16          replaceable as a unit.

1           **Claim 2 (previously presented):** The hearing device of  
2   claim 1, wherein said electrical power supply unit and said  
3   electrical to mechanical converter are unremovably integrated  
4   in said first module, said first module being as a whole an  
5   exchange part.

1       **Claim 3 (previously presented):** The hearing device  
2 according to claim 1 or claim 2, wherein said first module  
3 comprises an On/Off control arrangement for said hearing  
4 device.

1       **Claim 4 (previously presented):** The hearing device of  
2 claim 1, wherein said second module comprises a control unit  
3 for said signal processing unit.

1       **Claim 5 (previously presented):** The hearing device  
2 according to, claim 1, wherein said hearing aid device is one  
3 of an In-The-Ear hearing aid device and of an Outside-The-Ear  
4 hearing aid device.

1       **Claim 6 (previously presented):** The hearing device of  
2 claim 1, wherein said power supply unit is one of a non-  
3 rechargeable battery arrangement and of a rechargeable  
4 accumulator arrangement.

1       **Claim 7 (previously presented):** The hearing device of  
2 claim 1, wherein said power supply unit at said first module  
3 is exchangeable at said first module.

1       **Claim 8 (currently amended):** The hearing device of claim  
2 1, wherein said first and second modules are adapted for being  
3 assembled and disassembled ~~are assemblable and disassemblable~~ by  
4 means of one of a bayonet-type interconnection, a screwing  
5 interconnection, and a snap interconnection.

1           **Claim 9 (previously presented):** A hearing device  
2 according to claim 1, further comprising a code unit in said  
3 first module and a code-reader and decoding unit in said  
4 second module, the output of said code-reader and decoder unit  
5 being operationally connected to at least one control input of  
6 an electronic unit within said second module.

1           **Claim 10 (previously presented):** The hearing device  
2 according to claim 1, further comprising an electronic unit  
3 within said first module, said electronic unit for said  
4 electrical supply unit and said electrical to mechanical  
5 converter within said first module.

**Claims 11-20(canceled)**

1           **Claim 21 (withdrawn):** A method for manufacturing a  
2 hearing device, comprising  
3 assembling an electrical power supply unit and an  
4 electrical to mechanical converter to a first module;  
5 assembling an acoustical to electrical converter and a  
6 signal processing unit to a second module;  
7 assembling said first and second module to substantially  
8 form said hearing device in a manner said modules may be  
9 disassembled without destroying at least said second module.

1           **Claim 22 (withdrawn):** The method of claim 21, further  
2 comprising the step of unremovably integrating said electrical  
3 power supply unit and said electrical to mechanical converter  
4 into said first module as an integrally formed exchange part  
5 of said hearing device.

1           **Claim 23 (withdrawn):** The method of claim 21 or 22,  
2 further comprising the step of providing an On/Off control for  
3 said hearing device in said first module.

1           **Claim 24 (withdrawn):** The method of claim 21, further  
2 comprising the step of integrating in said second module a  
3 control unit for externally controlling said signal processing  
4 unit.

1           **Claim 25 (withdrawn):** The method of claim 21, further  
2 comprising the step of manufacturing a hearing aid device  
3 being one of an In-The-Ear hearing device and of an Outside-  
4 The-Ear hearing device.

1           **Claim 26 (withdrawn):** The method of claim 21, further  
2 comprising the step of assembling into said first module one  
3 of at least one un rechargeable battery and of a rechargeable  
4 accumulator as said power supply unit.

1           **Claim 27 (withdrawn):** The method of claim 21, further  
2 comprising the step of providing said power supply unit in  
3 said first module so as to be exchangeable therein.

1           **Claim 28 (withdrawn):** The method of claim 21, further  
2 comprising the step of assembling to said first module at  
3 least one electronic unit.

1           **Claim 29 (withdrawn):** The method of claim 21, further  
2 comprising providing at said first module a code and providing  
3 at said second module a code reader and decoder unit, thereby  
4 operationally connecting an output of said reader and decoder  
5 unit to at least one adjusting input in said second module.

**Claims 30-44 (canceled).**

1       **Claim 45 (new):** A hearing device comprising:

2       a first module including:

3             an electrical power supply unit, and

4             an electrical to mechanical converter, wherein

5             both said electrical power supply unit and said

6             electrical to mechanical converter are

7             incorporated within said first module;

8       a second module including:

9             an acoustical to electrical converter, and

10            a signal processing unit, wherein

11            both said acoustical to electrical converter and

12            said signal processing unit are incorporated

13            within said second module;

14       and means for releasably connecting said first module to  
15       said second module, such that each one of said first module  
16       and said second module can be replaced as a unit.

1       **Claim 46 (new):** The hearing device of claim 45, wherein  
2       said means for releasably connecting includes a bayonet-type  
3       interconnection.

1       **Claim 47 (new):** The hearing device of claim 45, wherein  
2       said means for releasably connecting includes a screwing  
3       interconnection.

1       **Claim 48 (new):** The hearing device of claim 45, wherein  
2       said means for releasably connecting includes a snap  
3       interconnection.

1           **Claim 49 (new):** The hearing device of claim 45, wherein  
2       said electrical power supply unit and said electrical to  
3       mechanical converter are unremovably integrated in said first  
4       module, said first module being as a whole an exchange part.

1           **Claim 50 (new):** The hearing device of claim 45, wherein  
2       said second module further includes a control unit for said  
3       signal processing unit.